



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG. 16.

A "NO HAT" brigade fashioned after the one which is thriving in London, has been formed in Vienna. "The hat," says one of the members, "is a superfluous article of man's wearing apparel. It deprives the head of needed air and sunshine, retards the growth and in many instances kills the hair and is a source of inconvenience and considerable expense. At no time does the member of our league appreciate his resolution to go bareheaded so much as when he visits a theatre or opera. The crush hat has gone out of style, the cylinder takes up too much room and it is never improved by storage in a theatre wardrobe. No man who once joins our ranks will desert—but, like taking passage, it requires a little courage."

The negro has again been read out of the republican party. The Texas state republican organization, having increased in white membership 40 per cent, in three years, announces it is now an organization for white men, that it shall be denominated by white men and only white men shall hold office in the organization. It is claimed that this casting off of the negro, who has for years dominated the party in Texas, will gain 50,000 white republicans who have held aloof because of the negro. The negroes are organizing with a proposition to join with the democrats, whom they declare, will always be in power in Texas and who have the distribution of the state jobs. It is hoped by leaders of the party that a great many independent voters in Texas will support the republicans now that the negro has been cast aside.

CONSIDERING that this is the dull season in politics, things are pretty lively at Beverly. Rumor has it that at a recent council of war it was determined to make a "Jough" of Ballinger, that Cannon is to be the "goat" and Aldrich—to go the rest one better—is to be "made the Angora" all to save the badly split republican ship. In carrying out the decree of the council the order of sacrifice may be changed, says the Philadelphia Record. Aldrich may be the Jonah, Cannon the "goat" and Ballinger the Angora. It will come to the same thing, however, so far as the victims are concerned; they must go overboard to lighten the ship. To an impartial but interested onlooker it would be evident that there remained plenty more quite as objectionable among the crew.

ANOTHER seeker after cheap notoriety has appeared. A painter jumped from the Brooklyn bridge yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock. He was hauled off while swimming up East river. The man told the police that he was a Scotchman, 30 years old, and made his leap to win a bet of \$300. During the past twenty-five years a number of men have leaped from the Brooklyn bridge, and such acts no longer interest people. If newspapers would cease to print the names of such foolhardy individuals the practice would cease.

REV. DANIEL WOODWARD, pastor of a Methodist church at Oniro, Wis., has resigned his charge because he was told by Supt. S. H. Anderson, of the Oskosh district of the church, that he would either have to give up his pulpit or cease talking politics. Supt. Anderson says that a Methodist pastor can not serve his church and be a political speaker, and do both successfully. Mr. Anderson is correct in his conclusions and many reasons could be given to show that preachers are out of place in political arenas.

In deriding Mr. John D. Rockefeller's whisky baths an English doctor says that whisky should be taken inwardly when you are physically numb. There is where the British pill prescriber is weak on advice, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. When you are physically numb all that you want is a kind friend to take you home in a pushcart.

The estimate that throughout the world a quarter of a billion dollars is sunk annually in discarded automobiles and worn-out parts and tires is a financial and economic fact of considerable importance if it be approximately correct.

THAT AN open break has occurred politically between Mr. Roosevelt and President Taft is said to be a fact. Mr. Roosevelt on his western trip, which will take him clear to the coast, will take sides, it is declared, with the insurgents in the republican party. Better wait and see.

COMET years have hitherto been famous for the quality of their wines but 1910 will prove an exception to

the rule, at least so far as France is concerned. The yield there will be so small that quality becomes a matter of indifference. Germany, Hungary, Italy and Spain have not yet been heard from. What has Halley's celestial traveller done to the vineyards of California and Ohio?

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.

It is now costing the government \$7,000 per day to fight the forest fires in the northwest, according to the estimate of the Forestry Bureau here today. Two new fires at Republic, Wash., and Union, Ore., are causing some apprehension, but Associate Forester Potter said today that he believed the crisis had passed. The lack of rain, however, and the dry condition of the forests makes the danger of further fires require constant vigilance. Potter hopes that with the aid of the army the fires now will soon be in control, but he admitted today that any prediction was apt to be discounted by developments. Already the fires have surpassed any in the history of the service, but never before was such a large and efficient force engaged in fighting them.

The census office today announced the 1910 enumeration for the following cities with changes since 1900: Newark, N. J., 337,469; increase 101,399; Scranton, Pa., 129,867; increase 27,841; Schenectady, N. Y., 72,826; increase 41,144. The high percentage of increase for Schenectady is attributed mainly to the enlargement of the great electrical plants there during the last decade. In 1804, a suburb of 8,000 inhabitants, was annexed. The state census of 1905 showed a population of 58,387. In 1900 the population was 1,682.

The action of President Madrid, of Nicaragua, in sending Reuben Dario, noted for his anti-American sentiments, as his representative to the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Mexican Independence, to be held in Mexico next month, is taken here as a "call" of the hand of President Diaz in his attitude on the Nicaraguan situation, and the reception accorded Dario by Mexico will be closely watched by the State Department. Reports are current here, though unconfirmed by the State Department, that Dario will be given a "noticably warm" reception by Diaz. Such a course, however, would not be a reiteration of the policy of Mexico towards the Madrid faction as indicated by the visit of Senor Creel to this country last winter to intercede with President Taft and Secretary Knox for President Madrid. Any public demonstration in favor of Dario, considered as a great affectation of the Nicaraguan situation and would, at worst, serve only as a temporary embarrassment in the way of a settlement of the Nicaraguan situation.

"Esperanto is destined in the near future to become the maritime language of the world," declared Rollet de l'Isle, Chief Engineer of the French navy in discussing practical uses of the universal language. "There is a crying need, right now," he continued, "for an application of Esperanto to the marine signal system both for the navies of the world and the merchants, marine. It should be introduced into all the naval academies and elementary instruction in it given to all ship captains. The present marine signal system is very limited and cumbersome. A bid for the next Congress of the World's Esperantists' Associations was sent to the convention today by the Portland, Ore., Chamber of Commerce. Various sessions were held by the delegates today and an excursion was taken this afternoon. Tonight the Esperantists will witness a performance of "As You Like It" in Esperanto.

The great freight-rate case which was postponed yesterday in New York until Sept. 7, probably will be ready for submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission by October 1, according to George N. Brown, chief examiner for the commission, who returned here today. Railroad representatives informed Brown that they could complete their case in about four days. The shippers then will be given a hearing. The proposed increased rates, affecting all eastern and middle western trunk lines are being made effective November 1, but may be suspended if the commission is not then ready to act. It appeared likely today that the hearing granted western lines for August 29, in Chicago, also might be postponed, as only the Burlington and Santa Fe had reported that they would be ready to appear at that date.

Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve. Quebec, Can., Aug. 16.—The Canadian officials will allow the Scotland Yard representatives to move Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Clare Le Neve any time they desire. It is probable the day will be Thursday. The detectives are plainly relieved today that Dr. Crippen has not fought extradition as it is doubtful whether they could have made out a very conclusive case. Miss Le Neve on her arrival in England will be imprisoned in Holloway jail. Yesterday she spent several hours writing letters in reply to those from her relatives brought over on the Lake Manitoba. Her answers will be carried on the same liner on which she will sail as a prisoner. Her new wig, which took the last of her money, gives her great satisfaction, and she spends much time posing before the mirror in her cell.

Wife Murder and Suicide.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16.—Bartho Bodnarsky, 49 years old, of Buffalo, N. Y., shot and killed his wife, Margaret, 39 years old, today in her apartment here. He then placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and ended his own life. Fear of falling prey to the law and inability to persuade the wife to live with him to escape punishment, was responsible for the tragedy.

Bodnarsky arrived here today early simultaneously with a man whom he had held up and robbed in Buffalo. The man had tracked Bodnarsky from Buffalo, N. Y., and when the shooting occurred, was in the hall swearing out a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun County, Va., has been elected one of the directors of the National Horse Show Association.

The President's Dilemma.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 16.—Private advisers today to those who hatched the plan indicate two insurmountable obstacles to the elimination of Ballinger and Cannon—Ballinger and Cannon themselves. It was thought that Secretary Ballinger was merely maintaining a "front" in insisting that he would not resign; that Cannon was proceeding with a huge poker bluff in persisting in his determination again to be a candidate for the speakership—but now, it is learned, there was no bluff with either of the two. The political surgeons have been advised that the two whom they had planned to separate from the political anatomy of the Taft administration are so firmly fixed that the operation might endanger the life of the patient.

The politicians who planned the coup were aware that President Taft himself would never ask Ballinger and Cannon to step down, but they counted on these two gentlemen's "self-effacement" on the ground of party exigency. Now comes the ultimatum that neither will commit political hari-kari. President Taft must either demand their retirement or there will be no retirement. And those who steered the scheme know that the executive will never take the step.

Senator W. Murray Crane, smooth save and mute, the prime mover in the plan, had a lengthy conference with the president today. What took place could not be learned, but if the Massachusetts senator was disappointed at the failure of the coup, he did not show it.

It is conceded now that tremendous pressure will be brought to bear on the president to take a hand in the game. Heretofore he has kept in the background.

It seems that Senator Aldrich will be eliminated, but already a form of opposition has arisen among the faithful in the "Old Guard," demanding to know why Senator Crane, long known as one of them, should have such an intense desire to make peace with the insurgents. Knowing Crane's love of ways that are dark and devious, they fear a "nigger in the woodpile."

Conditions in Columbus.

Columbus, O., Aug. 16.—It was made clear by the military authorities today that troops will not be used in patrolling street car tracks during the strike.

The police will be expected to go ahead as though the militia were not in the city and endeavor to preserve order. The militia will stand back until there is real necessity of a larger force to cope with any situation.

The First Regiment of Infantry reached Columbus from Cincinnati this morning and pitched camp in the state house grounds. The First Regiment consists of ten companies and a machine gun section. Captain Bush, commanding the battery, has the guns lined up on the north side of the state house.

Two automobiles bearing rapid guns, a couple more filled with militiamen armed with riot guns and an automobile truck equipped with a powerful searchlight, and two machine guns, were on duty throughout the night.

The Gore Charges.

Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 16.—The Gore congressional investigating committee, satisfied that the Indians were willing to sacrifice millions in hopes that they might realize something from their lands, will spend the next few days endeavoring to find how many law firms were interested in handling "Poor Lo's" affairs for him.

That McMurtry did not have a monopoly on the Indian land cases has already been brought out, and reports today say that before the committee shall have finished its hearing, it will be shown that a law firm yet unnamed holds contracts valued at \$20,000,000. Further investigation is expected to be made into the charge that Indian children were practically robbed of the lands when disposed of by agents.

Searching for Negro Murderer.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Posses of infuriated miners are today searching near Hinton and Quinimont, east of here, for a negro who beat and robbed John Ailiss and then assaulted and murdered his bride-to-be three weeks. The murderer is said to have severed the woman's head and thrown the body into a creek.

Ailiss, who is now in the Hinton Hospital, is thought to be mortally injured. He has not been told of his wife's fate.

According to a report received here, two suspects have been arrested and are being closely guarded to prevent a lynching.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Ailiss died in Hinton Hospital today.

The Race for the Harmsworth Cup.

Huntington, L. I., Aug. 16.—The chances are that the English power boat man will take back to England the Harmsworth Cup, to be raced for by motor boats next Saturday off the Larchmont Yacht Club. The cup, brought to America by the Dixie, is in greater danger than ever. The elimination races for the purpose of selecting the American boats that are to defend the cup, were due to start yesterday. Only one American power boat went to the starting line, the Reddick doing a thirty-mile course in 1:12:01, extremely slow time. It was announced, however, that the boat is capable of doing 35 miles an hour, not having been pushed to the limit yesterday.

Seven American boats were due to start in the elimination races and the absence of the other six is unacceptable. It was reported this morning that they would be present for the start this afternoon, but unless more interest is shown the English seem to have victory assured. The three English challengers are said to be the fastest boat ever turned out abroad.

Policemen Dismissed.

Columbus, O., Aug. 16.—Safety Director McCune today dismissed from service the 33 regular patrolmen who joined in revolt last Friday night when ordered by Mayor Marshall to ride street cars during the riots. The officers were charged with insubordinations. All of the patrolmen pleaded guilty.

The directors of the Norfolk and Western Railway have decided to ask the stockholders to authorize another increase of \$50,000,000 in the capitalization, for the purpose of improvements.

Mayor Attacks Councilmen.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 16.—Councilmen of this city are much exercised by charges made against them by Mayor Lewis F. Kniffen in a speech at Lake Lodore Saturday night. In the mayor is alleged to have said that out of the thirty-two councilmen of this city few are worthy men and to have expressed the following opinions of them:

"The rest of the bunch are unprincipled grafters and crooks. They betray the people who elected them. Some are guilty of misdemeanors that should send them on an enforced vacation to state prison. They are a set of miscellaneous curios. They are not selected for their fitness, but for their unfitness. They are the crafty crooks who pull the wool over the people's eyes for their unworthy ends. They go into councils not to serve the city, but to help themselves. I believe that there are some councilmen who have paid off mortgages on their homes, sport automobiles and drink imported wines. Beer is not good enough for them. Prosperity, good government and municipal advancement are choked by these petty city fathers. The people are asleep at the switch."

Spain and the Vatican.

London, Aug. 16.—According to the Central News today King Alfonso of Spain has ordered apartments put in readiness for him and Queen Victoria at the Spanish embassy in London in anticipation of an indefinite stay in England as a result of the deadlock in the negotiation for a settlement of the dispute between the Spanish government and the Vatican.

A Rome dispatch to the Central News declares that all hope of the Vatican conciliating Spain has been abandoned and that the archbishop of Seville, the Spanish primate, has been summoned to the Vatican to assist in preparing a fresh message to Alfonso. It is expected also that the pope will shortly issue an encyclical to the people, calling on them to stand by the church in the present crisis.

Mayor Gannon's Condition.

Hopkoken, N. J., Aug. 16.—Mayor Gannon was reported to be improving at St. Mary's Hospital today. It was stated by Secretary Adamson that he slept from 10:15 last night until 3 o'clock this morning. He then stayed awake until 5:30 when he again went to sleep and was still sleeping at 8:45. Corporation Counsel Watson and Secretary Adamson, who spent the night at the hospital, agreed that the situation was as good as could reasonably be expected.

"The mayor is getting better fast," said Adamson as he left the hospital for breakfast. On second thought he qualified his answer. "What I mean is that he is no worse."

The following bulletin was issued at 8:30 a. m.: "The mayor passed a restful night. His condition this morning is satisfactory. His respiration is practically normal."

Flying from Paris to London.

Paris, Aug. 16.—Hubert Latham started today in his Antoinette monoplane on the most pretentious flight ever undertaken by an aviator, from Paris to London. He is trying to win the London Daily Mail's prize of \$25,000 offered for such a flight.

Latham left Issy, a Paris suburb, at 6 o'clock, hoping to make the trip to London without stop.

The shortest distance by rail and boat is 259 miles, but Latham counted on cutting at least 20 miles from this figure in an airline route.

After two hours of flying, Latham had to give up the idea of a non-stop flight, as his motor began giving him trouble, forcing him to alight near Amiens, after covering about 70 miles. He immediately went to work on the motor, preparatory to resuming the flight.

Belgium Fears Panic.

Brussels, Aug. 16.—Business men of Brussels are today demanding that an extra session of the Belgian Parliament be called to make provision against a panic following the financial reverses occasioned by Sunday's disastrous fire that almost wiped out the Brussels Universal International Exposition. The exposition was reopened today under the most discouraging circumstances. Only a handful of visitors were present, and it is now certain that the enormous crowds that were expected during the latter part of August and September will not materialize. This not only means that the exposition will be conducted at a tremendous loss, but that the merchants and townspeople will get practically no return on the heavy investment they have. Already thousands of exposition employees have been let out, and local labor conditions are in danger of being upset by this army of unemployed. Parliament will probably be asked to vote a bonus to the promoters of the exposition and to inaugurate government works to provide for those out of employment.

To Fly from Philadelphia to Canada.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16.—Flying the stars and stripes and the union jack of Great Britain, the big balloon Philadelphia 11 will ascend from Point Breeze this evening bound for Canada. In the basket will sit Thomas E. Ridge, the pilot, will be Dr. George H. Simmerman and Ira L. Brown, of the Philadelphia Aeronaautical Recreation Society. They hope to cross Pennsylvania, go over New York state and Lake Ontario into Canada.

Thirty-nine Persons Drowned.

Gibraltar, Aug. 16.—Thirty-two of the passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamship Martos were drowned today in the sinking of the ship off Tarifa Point. The Martos was in collision with the German steamer Elsa in a dense fog. She foundered a few minutes after being struck.

The British Bank of Commerce in London was closed today. None of the details have been made public.

Georgetown Wheat Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Aug. 12.—Wheat 35¢/bushel.

A Race for Dreadnoughts.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The government's naval bill which will be laid before the Reichstag this autumn, will ask for an appropriation to build three battleships and one cruiser, according to an article published today by Count Reventlow, the German naval expert and naval editor of the "Deutsche Tages-Zeitung." Included with these four super-dreadnoughts will be appropriations to replace the two old battleships Weissenburg and Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm, just sold to Turkey, which, under the regular naval programme, would not be asked for before the autumn of 1911. Germany will thereby gain a lap in the race with England for supremacy in dreadnought construction, having two of the latest developed types of modern battleships laid down and consequently constructed one year sooner than the original published programme contemplated. The German naval budget for this year will also authorize the construction of two small cruisers to replace the See Adler and the Gefell, and six torpedo boats, and will contain an appropriation of \$3,750,000 for submarine boats.

Had Noted Kin.

New York, Aug. 16.—Miss Mary Hammel, whose grandfather, Philip French, was a candidate for the presidency against George Washington, was buried yesterday afternoon in the old Hammel family plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She was born in old New York city eighty-one years ago of distinguished ancestry, but her last years were clouded with unhappiness and poverty. Injured by an automobile two years ago, Miss Hammel lost her reason, and the final two years of her life were spent in the Central Islip Hospital for the Insane, where she died.

TO CUT EXPENDITURES.

At the special meeting of the Cabinet which is to be held in Washington on September 10 President Taft will emphasize the need of economy in the administration of the government. The president will return to Beverly from the conservation congress in St. Paul by the way of Washington, and may spend three or four days at the White House. All of his Cabinet officers, except Secretary Dickinson, will be in Washington to meet him, and the entire Cabinet will spend the day in going over the estimates.

Mr. Taft is devoting special study to ways and means for cutting down expenditures and putting the administration of the government on a business basis. Under a law enacted a little more than a year ago, the duty is imposed on the secretary of the treasury of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments, business and offices, of the expenditures necessary in the next fiscal year, and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period. If a probable deficit is thus shown it is the duty of the President to recommend the method by which deficit can be met.

Many important reforms in administration have been made, and Mr. Taft wants these reforms extended. The president realizes that it is impossible in the preparation of estimates greatly to reduce the cost of permanent administration. This cannot be done without a thorough reorganization of the bureaus, offices and departments.

NO CHANGE AT STAUNTON.

The condition of the cave-in at Staunton is practically the same as on Saturday. The authorities made some borings yesterday and have partially traced the underground cavern. B. L. Partlow, a contractor, exploring under the Todd house, on Lewis street, the rear foundation of which fell into the third opening, found a stone arch over the cavern with the top broken in, and he succeeded in placing timbers on the solid rock on each side of the break, and has securely supported the house.

Borings made by the city on the postoffice lot in the direction of the break, show solid rock a few feet under the ground. The contractor working on the Todd house measured the depth of the third hole at thirty-five feet. He struck water, which measured in one place seventy-two feet, and in another eighty-nine feet, making the hole 107 to 116 feet deep. Nothing has occurred to weaken or discredit the signed statement made by F. B. Vanhorn, of the Geological Survey, other geologists and the city officials. No dynamite was used yesterday, nor is it contemplated at present to use any. The officials will first make all the investigations possible before deciding on a course, and will continue to make borings in an effort to trace the course of the underground passage.

RIDE WITH A MADMAN.

The story of a woman's terrible ride with her mad husband was told in London yesterday at the inquest on Thomas Smith, who committed suicide on his farm at Doveridge, near Uttoxeter, on June 28.

Mrs. Smith said that they had only been married ten months, and on June 27 she drove with her husband to Longford. They were on the best of terms and he chattered freely with her, but while crossing a field leading to their home she received a crushing blow on the head. Her husband then rose to his feet and struck her five or six times on the head with an ash stick.

She sank into the bottom of the car and her husband endeavored to push her out in such a way that she might fall under the wheels. Then he got out, pulled her after him, and held her under the horse's feet, urging the animal on. The horse stood still, and her husband tried to throttle her, and then jumped on her. He then lifted her into the trap and drove home.

The husband took laudanum the next day. Medical evidence was given to the effect that Smith's head had been injured some time ago, that he was subject to delusions, and had homicidal tendencies.

If your liver is sluggish and out of tone and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets tonight before retiring and you will feel all right in the morning. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The rains of the past few days have done much good throughout the state. The wedding of Miss Margaret Graham Howison, daughter of Mr. S. G. Howison, of "Bracehead," near Fredericksburg, to Mr. James Brooks Smith, of the University of Virginia, was celebrated at the home of the bride's father today.

Charles W. Winn, aged 50 years, treasurer of the J. T. King Company and a leading figure in the Richmond business world, died suddenly on Sunday at Port Washington, L. I., where he had gone about two weeks ago, accompanied by his wife on a vacation trip.

The vote on the bond issue in Orange county on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$12,500 for making improvements to the courthouse and county clerk's office was defeated by a majority of 163. The vote was: Against issuing the bonds, 218; for 55.

James B. Casey, member of the House of Delegates from Henrico county, has resigned his connection with the assembly and leaves Tuesday for Kansas City, Kas., where he has accepted the position of editor of the official journal of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

Adjutant General Sale, of the National Guard of Virginia, yesterday received a check from the War Department at Washington, for \$2,708.74, payable to the Virginia military fund. The money is to reimburse the state for sums advanced in connection with the equipment of 1908, at Chickamauga Park, when it was found that the appropriation made by the government was insufficient to cover the expenses of the Virginia troops.

HIGH PRICES AND THE TARIFF.

"We find the three substantial causes for the advance in prices are: "The tariff. "Trusts, combines and monopolies. "Increased money supply."

"We are without sufficient data to appportion the degree of responsibility between these three causes, but that the first two are the chief offenders we have no doubt, and they are of our own creation or permission."

Joseph F. Johnson, "James P. Clarke, "Ellis M. Smith.

"Minority members of the select committee on wages and prices of commodities."

In a vigorous and illuminating report, made public yesterday afternoon, the minority members of the Senate committee which devoted many months to investigating the increased cost of living, take issue with Senator Lodge and the rest of the republicans and declare that trusts and tariffs are chiefly responsible for higher prices. Senators Johnston, of Alabama; Clarke, of Arkansas, and Smith of South Carolina sought to demonstrate by witnesses that the tariff was blameable, but were prevented from effective work by Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, and his associates, who were all stand-patters.

In lesser degree the democrats find these contributory causes for advanced prices for necessities of life: Increased cost of production of farm products by reason of higher land values and higher wages.

Increased demand for farm products and food. Shifting of population from food-producing to food-consuming occupations and localities.

Immigration to food-consuming localities.

Reduced fertility of land, resulting in lower average production or increased expenditures for fertilization.

Increased banking facilities in agriculture localities, which enable farmers to hold their crops and market to the best advantage.

Reduced supply convenient to transportation facilities of such commodities as timber.

Cold storage plants, which result in preventing extreme fluctuations of prices of certain commodities with the seasons, but by enabling the wholesalers to buy and sell at the best possible advantage and then to advance prices.

Increased cost of distribution. Industrial combinations. Organizations of producers or of dealers.

Over-capitalization. Higher standard of living. Each of these items is taken up by the minority and evidence adduced to show in just what way and to what extent the reason assigned has aided in making living more expensive.

Vigorous attack is made in the minority report on almost all the reasons given by the majority report of the Lodge committee, submitted some time ago, as the cause for the advance in prices.

TELLS HOW FAST TRAINS GO.

That its engineers may maintain a uniform rate of speed and operate their trains with the greatest possible comfort to the traveling public, the Baltimore & Ohio is installing speed recorders in passenger engines used on through trains. The dial of these speed recorders is placed in the engineer's side of the cab, in plain view of the man who operates the throttle, and indicates to him the speed of the train at all times. The recorder also registers on a paper chart the speed at which a train is operated at every point on a division, and, upon arrival at terminals, the chart is replaced and sent to the division superintendent, who thus has before him a daily record of the speed at which trains are operated in his territory.

Tennessee Republicans.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 16. Capt. Ben W. Hooper, of Newport, or Alfred A. Taylor, brother of Senator R. L. Taylor, will be the gubernatorial candidates of the state republican convention today. After noon is conference, the contest for the nomination narrowed to these two names. It was announced today that an agreement had been reached whereby the strength of John W. Overhill and of J. Sharp had been transferred to Captain Hooper.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, have declared a quarterly dividend of \$6 a share.

The conductor and mail clerk of the Iron Mountain fast mail train No. 7 were injured today when the engine and two cars left the track near Annapolis, Mo. The wreck was caused by spreading rails.

Rumors are rife in marine and financial circles in Philadelphia today of the purchase of the Allan Line Steamship Company by the Canadian Pacific Railway for a sum in excess of \$7,000,000.

In the fall of his aeroplane at Frankfurt, Germany, today, Lieutenant W. Tiedmann suffered a broken thigh and internal injuries that will probably prove mortal. The machine suddenly collapsed when at a height of sixty feet and dashed to the ground.

The Seaboard Company organized to remodel the finances of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and held its securities yesterday in New York, declared a dividend of 2-1/2 per cent on its first preferred stock. This is the first dividend paid since 1907.

In the investigation yesterday in the coroner's court at Islington, England, of the Crippen murder case, all scientific evidence as to the condition of the woman's body was withheld until the arrival of Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve.

That the Chinese army of invasion, which was reported to have captured Tibet after a general slaughter of the defenders, was in truth repulsed, is the information brought from the Orient by Dr. Emil Bessier, a French expert on sanitation who reached San Francisco recently on the Tenyo Maru.

The delegates, at last night's meeting of the Central Labor Union in Washington were ordered to insist that the milk wagon drivers carry union cards. If they do not, and refuse to affiliate themselves with the newest labor organization to come within the ranks of organized labor, the delegates will have to either rent or purchase their own cows, or used condensed milk in the future.

Despite the fact that the jury which convicted Mrs. Barbara Wilde, the "Holy Roller" woman, of having cruelly beaten little Ernest Wolfe in an attempt to compel him to accept the faith of her sect, recommended that her punishment be a light one, Justice J. T. Wallace in San Jose, Cal., recently sentenced her to serve 50 days in jail without an alternative. This sentence is expected to serve as a warning to others of the sect against engaging in such practices in the name of religion in the future.

Casualties from the great floods, which last week inundated many districts in Japan and on Friday and Saturday submerged two of the principal yards of Tokyo, were given out yesterday. An official investigation shows that 1,112 persons are dead and hundreds are missing. Three thousand one hundred and fifty-three houses were washed away, in addition to the thousands which were under water during the flood, but resisted the strain. Thousands of persons are homeless and dependent on public relief.

While a gang of between 50 and 75 Italian laborers were at work yesterday excavating for a railway in the bed of Grass river, at the foot of the eastern abutment, to the 300-foot concrete dam that is being built a mile above Massena, N. Y., for the St. Lawrence Power Company, the huge abutment, nearly 40 feet high, suddenly collapsed. Four workmen were caught beneath the falling walls and killed. Reports were sent out yesterday to the effect that fifty men had been killed.

KILLED A RATTLER. A letter from Brea, Va., to the Fredericksburg Lance says: On Wednesday evening just before sunset, Miss Hattie Hammett, whose residence is on the Warrenton road about a mile above Brea, was sitting on her porch when she heard some of her fowls making a distressed sound. She looked out and saw an enormous rattlesnake not ten feet from the porch